

Minutes for June 9, 2020 CCL-KC General Membership Meeting

1. The June 9, 2020 CCL-KC General Membership Meeting was held by Go To Meeting and convened at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Stephen Melton, Paula Leppert, Theresa Noble, Dave Mitchell, Dennis Hilger, Kurt Kloster, Emily Hurley, and Lia and Karen Uhlenhuth. Thanks to all who attended to the meeting!

2. Announcements. Steve briefly discussed two recent positive articles: Renewables Topple Coal! <https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/renewables-topped-coal-in-us-energy-consumption-in-2019-eia-says> and the Forbes article, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/energyinnovation/2020/06/09/plunging-renewable-energy-prices-mean-us-can-hit-90-clean-electricity-by-2035-at-no-extra-cost/#25e09102f9b1>. We also discussed the dismal performance of Missouri by comparison. Missouri in 2019 got 73% of its electricity from coal and only 4% from wind, despite having great wind energy potential. (Iowa now gets 42% from wind and Kansas 36%) Missouri mines none of the coal it burns, so coal provides no jobs, save for the 320 or so in Peabody Coal's headquarters in Saint Louis. Missouri has 56,000 clean energy jobs, and could have many more if the state government weren't so wedded to coal. Please ask your Missouri representatives why we are so out of step with the rest of the nation.

3. June CCL Conference and Lobby Day—on line—this weekend!.

Dave gave details on the conference. On Sat., June 13, the conference is from 12 Noon-3:30 p.m. CDT, with featured speakers Sen. Braun, Rep. from Indiana, and Sen. Coons, Dem. from Del., co-founders of the Senate Climate Solutions Caucus. Additionally, former Representative Carlos Curbelo, Republican from Florida and co-founder of the House Climate Solutions Caucus will speak. There are a wide variety of breakout sessions available, something for everyone.

On Sunday, June 14, from 12 Noon-2 p.m. (or a little later), four in-depth seminars will be offered, including one on diversity.

You will have to register for the event at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org>, by clicking on "Take Action" and selecting "International Conference". The conference program is at: https://citizensclimatelobby.org/2020-june-conference/?_ga=2.243302924.842672955.1590952177-785733514.1590342402.

Lobby Days will be 16th (Senate) and 17 (House) via Zoom video-conference or whatever media the MOC decides. Liaisons or lobby team members gave brief updates: Steve (Blunt); Emily (Hawley); Theresa (Graves); Dave (Cleaver). Planning for all meetings is on track.

Danny Richter of CCL will be conducting a Zoom update for all lobbyists on June 11 at 7 PM CDT. Members of lobby teams should listen at <https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/273716354>. He will likely issue new guidance on primary and secondary asks. Liaisons will determine how to implement the guidance with their MOC.

4. CAKC/MARC Climate Action Plan Mind Mixer.

CAKC is holding a series of Mind Mixer sessions to develop their 2020 playbook. The first three topics are now closed, but the last two are still available for your input. Please sign up and contribute your thoughts. (marc.org/climateaction)

May 18	Transportation Week
May 25	Food & Land Week
June 1	Built Environment Week
June 8	Energy & Industry Week
June 15	Priorities Week

5. CCL and Racial Justice

Paula led a powerful 25-minute discussion regarding CCL's policy on racial equality using some of the CCL provided slides. (Not wishing to paraphrase, I invite you all to visit the CCL home page to read the statements by Mark Reynolds and others, pledging CCL complete support for racial justice.). She also suggested we hold a separate Zoom training session in the next few weeks with our peers on the Kansas side. Steve agreed to contact Jennifer to discuss.

6. KC Climate Action Plan Update.

Dave reported that on May 15, the KC City Council passed resolution 200005 (<http://cityclerk.kcmo.org/liveweb/Documents/Document.aspx?q=Ehj5P3N4QcabwTp1kpqcBjEU6DTzPXkgil300sRfRVb1pQp21dePmdMDZC2vw3a2>) to update the city's environmental protection plan. The goal is for city operations to have 75% reduction in emissions by 2025 and be carbon neutral by 2030. The goal for city-wide carbon neutrality is 2040. The City manager will conduct hearings and present the details of the plan to the city council by March 31, 2021. If you live in KCMO, please provide your input during this planning process. CCL-KC will provide updates on participating in the stakeholder process.

7. Endorsements. Local endorsers of HR763 are now shown on the bottom of our web page (kcccl.org). We also wish to give all endorsers a framed certificate and publicity on our Facebook page. Karen reported that she will investigate whether Broadway Cafe Roasting (?) has indeed filled out the endorsement form at <https://energyinnovationact.org/endorse/>. All members are invited to engage businesses and organizations to win their support.

8. Website, Facebook, Social media. Frank has given the web page a fresh look. Please visit.

9. Treasurers report. Donna reported we have \$358.71 in the checking account.

10. Additional Announcements and New Business:

Theresa announced that the Missouri bill to prohibit homeowners associations from banning solar panels will be reintroduced in the next session and was hopeful it would pass.

Emily announced that she gave a Zoom presentation at Children's Mercy Hospital Climate and Equity that was attended by over 100 people. She is negotiating now for a sequel Zoom session. (Yay, Emily!)

Emily also said that First Fridays in the Crossroads (our major tabling effort) would probably not start up again until next Spring.

Dave will be part of a panel discussion on Michael Moore's new film, "Planet of the Humans", along with other area environmental group leaders. The program will be live on KKFI, 90.1 FM, at 7PM, Thursday, June 11. Listen if you can.

Dennis initiated a brief discussion concerning whether we are already in the Sixth Extinction.

Steve announced he will throw a CCL-KC party when COVID distancing is over!

11. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

12. Our next meeting will be July 14 at 6:30 PM, also by Go To Meeting.

13. Thanks for all you do!

Stephen Melton and Dave Mitchell
CCL-KC Chapter Co-Leaders